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This outing has been planned so as to enable those participating to readily reach the initial camp by automobile and thus minimize expense. At the same time some of the most attractive and seldom visited areas of Yosemite National Park will be on the itinerary so that the outing promises to be one of the most enjoyable yet undertaken.

Since there is a great demand for places on these outings and because the number which can be taken is strictly limited, places will be filled in the order in which the outing deposits are paid.

TENTATIVE ITINERARY

The party will start from Los Angeles and San Francisco the evening of July 6th, reaching El Portal the morning of July 7th. Stages from this point will take the party direct to the first camp at Soda Springs in Tuolumne Meadows. Those traveling by automobile should also plan to reach camp by the evening of July 7th. The party will remain at Soda Springs one day and the morning of July 9th start up Rafferty Creek and over Tuolumne Pass for the Merced region, camping the first night near Babcock Lake. Proceeding on the Isberg Pass trail the next camp will be made on the plateau above Washburn Lake

which commands a magnificent view of the Merced canyon. Trips will be taken up into the Lyell Fork of the Merced and to the Merced group of peaks near the southern edge of the park.

Returning to Tuolumne Meadows for the night of July 15th the party will camp at Cathedral Creek the night of the 16th and proceed over the new high-line scenic trail to Ten Lakes Basin for a two days camp. Soda Springs will again be reached on July 20th. On the 21st the first two weeks party will leave and the second two weeks party will reach Soda Springs.

On the 23rd the party will start for the northern part of the park, camping in Virginia Canyon that night and Matterhorn Canyon the following night. The next day camp will be made at Benson Lake for several days. From this camp side trips will be taken into the northern part of the park as far as Tilden Lake. Benson Lake is one of the most delightful campsites of the northern portion of Yosemite National Park and affords a splendid opportunity for visiting nearby peaks and canyons. Returning from Benson Lake the party will reach the Tuolumne Meadows base camp August 3rd. On August 4th the outing will end and the party will leave the meadows.

It will be difficult for those who can take only two weeks to decide which two weeks trip will be most desirable.

THE REGION TO BE VISITED

THE UPPER MERCED BASIN

The upper Merced Basin is an attractive but little visited region, abounding in lakes, forests,

streams, meadows and inviting peaks. The Merced group commands a particularly fine panorama and its main summits, Merced, Gray, and Red peaks may be readily climbed from the camp which will be established near their base. The Lyell Fork of the Merced is also a region of unusual interest and Mount Lyell at its head is a possible climb.

RED MOUNTAIN

Climb the Red Mountain and enjoy the magnificent views from the summit. I counted forty lakes from one standpoint on this mountain, and the views to the westward over the Illilouette Basin, the most superbly forested of all the basins whose waters drain into Yosemite, and those of the Yosemite rocks, especially the Half Dome and the upper part of the north wall, are very fine. But, of course, far the most imposing view is the vast array of snowy peaks along the axis of the Range.

The Yosemite.

By John Muir. Page 206.

DOGHEAD PEAK

The itinerary leads from Tuolumne Meadows to Benson Lake via Matterhorn Cañon. It passes near a peak which commands one of the most comprehensive views of the entire region. That is Doghead Peak just east of Tallulah Lake and but a short distance off the main trail as it swings west from Wilson Creek. The peak can almost be climbed on horseback by following up Wilson Creek, and it commands the whole sweep of the crest to the north, east, and south, from

the peaks at the head of the Stanislaus, down along the sawteeth at the heads of the cañons within the park, across to the Sawtooth Range and Matterhorn, Dunderberg, Dana, Conness, Lyell, Ritter and Banner, and beyond to the south. From it the walls and domes of Yosemite are visible, the wall of the Grand Cañon, Hetch Hetchy, and glimpses of the lowlands in between. I know of no single peak which stands so thoroughly in the middle of things as this Dog-head fellow. He will repay anyone for the climb.

Letter by Harold C. Bradley in
Sierra Club Bulletin,
Vol. VIII, No. 2, page 136.

RODGERS LAKE

The loveliest of glacier lakes lay before us. On one side rose a vast rock, a thousand feet high, shaped like a battlemented castle guarding this mountain fastness, snow in every crevice of its granite wall not too steep to hold it, and snowfields under its shading walls sloping to the crystal lake. On the other, the sunny side, among the sheets of glacier-polished rock, noble trees had found a foot-hold and delicate flowers grew to the very brink. As the sunset tints flooded sky and lake and touched the snowy granite cliff with the rosy tender alpine-glow, all tongues were hushed, all hearts thrilled with the heavenly scene. Then came the stars making long trails of splendor in the wonderful, quivering mirror of crystal water.

**The Grand Circuit of the
Yosemite National Park**
By Lucy Washburn, **Sierra Club Bulletin,**
Vol. VII, No. 3, p. 151.

BENSON LAKE

Here we pitched camp on a blue carpet of lupines and under the lea of a curving beach of white sand. This lake is about two hundred acres in extent, enclosed on three sides by rocky walls, quite precipitous in places and rising to four conspicuous peaks. The other side, the northern, is a beach of fine hard sand, backed by a strip of meadow that merges in dense forest. One or two clumps of fir are wedged into gorges of the eastern wall, and push down to the water's edge. A stream lively with trout rushes into the lake at the east end of the beach, which lies in crescent bays.

Yosemite Trails.

By Joseph Smeaton Chase.

TILDEN LAKE

Tilden Lake is a mountain gem seldom visited. It is a long, narrow reach of sapphire blue, wooded on its western shore with pines and hemlocks and guarded by Tower Peak several miles beyond its head.

With the Sierra Club in 1911.

By Robert M. Price. *Sierra Club Bulletin*,
Vol. VIII, No. 3, pp. 154-5.

LITERATURE

For literature concerning this general region read "The Mountains of California," "The Yosemite," "My First Summer in the Sierra," and "Our National Parks," by John Muir; *Alpina Americana* No. 1, by J. N. LeConte; and articles in the *Sierra Club Bulletin*.

MAPS

The "Yosemite National Park" topographic map, issued by the U. S. Geological Survey, covers the region to be visited. This may be obtained of the Director of the U. S. Geological Survey, Washington, D. C., or it may be purchased of local stationery dealers.

TROUT FISHING

Fishing throughout is of the finest. Fishermen must have State fishing licenses.

TWO WEEKS' OUTING

It has been arranged so that those who can only take a vacation of two weeks can join with the main outing party either for the first two weeks or the last two weeks. In applying for two weeks specify which two weeks is preferred.

PERSONNEL

This outing is intended for members of the Club and relatives. Members of other mountaineering clubs are also welcome. Persons belonging to the family of a member, except husband or wife, shall pay an enrollment fee of \$5 each, in addition to the regular deposit. Friends of members, properly recommended, may join the outing on payment of \$10 as an enrollment fee.

A CAMPING TRIP

It should be distinctly understood by every one that this excursion is to be a camping trip, and should be undertaken only by good walkers enjoying good health.

All those who participate in the outing should satisfy themselves as to their physical qualifications, and be prepared to make the best of everything, and to consider the rights and pleasures of others, so as to make the entire outing a complete success in spirit as well as in executive management.

DUNNAGE BAGS

No personal baggage will be accepted for transportation on stages or the pack-train unless packed in dunnage bags of dimensions and shapes as follows: Cylindrical canvas bags not to exceed, when packed, three feet in length and eighteen inches in diameter, plainly marked with the names and home addresses of their respective owners. These should be painted on the bags in large letters. Each person is allowed one bag only.

Weight of each individual's personal baggage when packed in bag is not to exceed **THIRTY-FIVE POUNDS**.

SADDLE HORSES

A few saddle horses will be available for use. The charge per animal for the entire trip, including its care, will probably be \$50. The Club assumes no responsibility of any sort for these, but has consented to their use by members of the party who may wish to ride. If you wish to engage an animal for the trip, let us know **at once** and one will be ordered for you.

PERSONAL OUTFIT

Each member of the party must provide his own personal effects.

THE ESSENTIALS

1. Sleeping Outfit. This should consist of a sleeping bag which may be purchased from various firms handling camp equipment or can be made by doubling two wool comforters, so as to give the bag the greatest length, and sewing securely together across the bottom and two-thirds of the way up the side. This bag should be lined and covered with gingham or sateen, which should project a foot or two beyond the top as a loose flap. The wool comforters may be sewed up into separate bags as indicated, and one lined and the other covered. One bag can then be slipped inside the other for ordinary use and removed easily for knapsack trips where economy of weight is desired. A tall person will require extra length comforters. Blankets are too heavy and cotton comforters are not desirable.

A waterproof sheet or covering 6x7 feet or 7x9 feet should also be taken. This should be made of waterproof silk or some other light weight and durable waterproof material. A piece five yards in length, cut in half and sewed together along one side, will make a large sheet that will protect the sleeping bag from the ground and form a covering as well, or can be used in making a shelter over the sleeping bag.

2. A tramping suit of stout material—corduroy, denim, khaki, wool, or the like. One suit should suffice for the entire trip, but it is advisable to have an extra pair of breeches or knickers and an extra light-weight flannel shirt. Each one should have a sweater, windproof jacket, or parka.

3. The underclothing should be such as one would wear in average winter weather in California—i.e., of medium weight, and one change should be taken.

4. Footwear is an all-important question. One pair, at least, of stout, well-fitting, easy-wearing shoes, with extra heavy soles containing hob-nails, is essential for tramping. These should be thoroughly broken in before the outing. The wear and tear on footwear on these trips is very great, and novices have frequently had their trips spoiled by under-estimating the necessity for stout shoes. Many find canvas basket-ball shoes with heavy rubber soles most serviceable for hiking. A light pair of shoes to wear about the camp after the day's tramp will be conducive to comfort. These may be tennis shoes or moccasins.

5. Several pairs of moderately heavy and serviceable socks or stockings should be taken. Experience has proven that if two pairs of medium-weight woolen socks are worn (or a single pair of extra heavy weight) the feet will not suffer from chafing and blistering. Women will find that a pair of stockings and a pair of boy's size woolen socks will serve the same purpose, and this plan is highly recommended by women who have done a great deal of tramping in the mountains. Zinc-oxide adhesive plaster applied in strips on the heels serves as a protection against chafing, and each member of the party should be provided with a five-yard roll of one-inch tape and a small package of cotton.

6. Toilet articles, soap and towels, including a cake of laundry soap.

7. Some fine-mesh mosquito bar and heavy gloves.

8. The eyes should be protected from the glare of bright sunlight by colored glasses or green eye-shade. Zinc-oxide, grease-paint, or similar ointment is highly important for protection against sunburn.

9. It is essential that each member of the party, unless provided with large pockets, take a small knapsack or rucksack for use on daily trips.

10. A light-weight tent with a ridge rope, without poles or pins is recommended. This tent must be included in the prescribed weight limit of 35 pounds and must be packed in the three-foot dunnage bag. Tents may also be ordered of the Secretary not later than June 1st. Such order must be accompanied with \$10 to cover rental and cost of transportation, and when so ordered the weight of the tent is not included in the 35 pounds.

11. A pocket-roll facilitates the care and packing of one's effects. It should be made of denim or drilling, as follows: A piece three feet square is first taken as a back, and three box-plaited pockets, each a foot deep, and one above the other and extending the entire width, are securely sewed to the back and bound with tape. The upper pocket can be divided into three divi-

sions to hold small articles. All these pockets may be closed with flaps or tied with tapes. Into this roll all one's belongings except bedding can be packed, and it can be arranged with eyelet and cord and hung to a tree when in camp.

12. Waterproof dunnage-bag three feet long and eighteen inches in diameter when packed. Each member must have a bag of this character, and these dimensions must not be exceeded. The carrying of this bag from place to place while in camp will be facilitated by having canvas handles riveted or sewed on bottom and side of bag. The owner's name and home address in full must be painted on each bag in large letters.

13. For those purposing to take arduous side-trips, a durable knapsack or pack harness is necessary.

14. It will be desirable to have a small hand axe, bathing suit, large silk bandana, candle lantern or flash-light and also a light-weight collapsible canvas water bucket or tin basin.

To pack one's outfit properly, the bedding should be laid on the ground, extended full length and folded so as not to be more than three feet in width. On one end of the bedding lay the packed pocket-roll and then roll it up inside of the bedding. Fasten the entire roll with a stout cord or straps, and pull the dunnage-bag over it.

CHECK LIST AND WEIGHTS

PERSONAL OUTFIT

In order that members of the party may have a more definite idea of what to take and the approximate weights of the various articles, the following list has been carefully compiled:

	Lbs.	Ozs.
Sleeping-bag	8	0
Sheet of waterproof silk, 7 x 9 ft.....	1	10
Tent	4	0
Total.....	13	10
Clothing in addition to what is worn—		
Sweater	1	8
Pajamas or nightgown	0	14
One suit underclothing	1	2
Light pair shoes	2	0
6 bandanas	0	8
1 extra pair breeches	1	8
1 extra shirt	1	0
3 pairs socks or stockings	0	10
Total.....	9	2
Miscellaneous—		
Toilet articles	2	0
Towels—1 bath, 2 face.....	1	4
Knapsack or pack harness	1	6
Pocket roll (denim)	1	2
Dunnage bag	2	0
Candles and lantern or electric flash	0	8
Collapsible water bucket	0	9
Total.....	8	13

This is a liberal allowance and makes a grand total of about 31 pounds, leaving a balance for fishing tackle, writing and sewing outfit, etc.

Keep the weight as much below the prescribed limit as possible.

OUTING DEPOSIT

The outing deposit will be \$70 for the trip of four weeks and \$40 for those taking only two weeks. Send amount by check, money or express order, payable to the secretary of the Sierra Club.

The deposit will, in all probability, cover all expenses so that no further assessment need be made.

A partial deposit of \$20 for each person should be made as early as possible after April 2nd, and the list will automatically close when the number who can be accommodated have paid. The balance of \$50 in the case of those going for four weeks or \$20 in the case of those going for two weeks must be paid by June 5th.

The deposits of those who find themselves unable to join the outing will be refunded only in case their places are filled by the committee from those who make subsequent application or in case any balance remains after paying all outing expenses, though there has been in the past no difficulty in refunding at least the major portion of the deposit.

RAILROAD AND OTHER EXPENSES

In addition to the outing deposit, for those who do not drive by automobile, railroad fare, pullman and stage fare will approximate \$35

from Los Angeles and \$25 from San Francisco.

A supplemental announcement giving complete details will be mailed early in June.

Southern California members can obtain necessary information at the office of the Southern California Chapter of the Club, 445 Wilcox Building, Los Angeles.

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